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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, the 7th April 1955.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at ten of the clock, Deputy Chairman (SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Admission of in-patients in the Government Hospital of Indigenous Medicine.

* 288 *Q.*—SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of in-patients admitted in the Government Hospital of Indigenous Medicine from the time the New Hospital Block was opened till now in the different sections; and

(*b*) the number of doctors, nurses, maternity assistants and sanitary workers working in the hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 4,190.

" (*b*) 25 doctors, 23 nurses, 4 maternity assistants, 21 nursing orderlies and 23 sanitary workers are working in the Hospital."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" May I know whether purely indigenous medicines are administered to the patients coming to the hospital or whether allopathic treatment is also given? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Both indigenous and modern medicines are administered to the patients, Sir."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" May I know whether any retrenchment was recently effected in that hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Some retrenchment has been made because the L.I.M. course has been abolished."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" I think the Hon. Minister is a doctor trained in Western Medicine and he must know something about it. This College of Indigenous Medicine is serving a useful purpose to the people and they like it, and they are patronising it. The other day there was something wrong with my grandchild. I took the child there and the child was attended to within five minutes. Therefore I thought this school was serving a very useful purpose."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I may tell the hon. Member that I am not a medical man."

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know, Sir, why the L.I.M. course was abolished? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it was abolished with a view to have a uniform standard of medical education."

Number of Lino machines in the Government Press, Madras.

* 289 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of Lino machines in the Government Press, Madras;

(*b*) the strength of mechanics working in the Lino department for each shift;

(*c*) the number of Lino machines that are not working and the reasons therefor;

(*d*) the amount spent towards the local purchase of Lino spares and matrices from 1st January to 1st October 1954; and

(*e*) whether Lino spares, etc., were received from the United Kingdom recently and if so, the year in which the indent was made for the same?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Could not an arrangement be made to have the Lino machines repaired by experienced men locally and would Government take steps to see that the machines are put into operation by carrying out the repairs locally? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I do not know whether they could be repaired locally. I shall ascertain that fact and see if the machines could be repaired and commissioned for work."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I respectfully draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to this fact that in the answer placed on the table it is stated that two Head mechanics are in charge of the Lino department, whereas in a similar statement placed on the table of the House some time back it was stated that there was only one mechanic for the Lino department. The Budget shows no provision at all for a mechanic in that department. May I request the Hon. Minister to examine this discrepancy and rectify it and see that proper mechanics are provided for the department to keep the machines in working order? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. I shall certainly have it looked into. There might have been some discrepancy somewhere. I shall ask the department to explain this and I am sure there will be sufficient provision made for the necessary number of mechanics."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 979 infra.